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but the valuers should not include in their valuation any solatium on account of the compulsory purchase of the undertaking in accordance with the second proviso to section 7 (1) of the Indian Electricity Act as the Government have specifically informed the company that no such solatium is payable to the company."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what is the policy of the Government regarding the purchase of these undertakings? Is it their policy to purchase compulsorily whenever the period of the licence expires? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That has been the policy which was responsible for our dealings with this concern, but we have since examined the revision of the policy and we propose to purchase concerns even before the licence expires."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" What is the policy in regard to the distribution companies, Sir."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Even distribution companies we propose to purchase. We are examining the question."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" What are the reasons for the delay in fixing the final price of this undertaking, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The valuation of this concern is a very technical and difficult thing and it takes some time."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know why this work was entrusted to an English firm? Did not the Government try and find out whether there was a suitable Indian firm for the purpose of estimating the value of the undertaking? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Government have not been able to get a suitable Indian firm who could undertake this difficult and technical work."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" With regard to the answer given to clause (*f*) may I know whether the Government would take into account in fixing the final price of the undertaking the fact that large sums have already been returned to the shareholders by way of dividends? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In this matter we are governed by the provisions of the Indian Electricity Act, Sir."

Manufacture of agricultural implements.

* 205 *Q.*—SRI R. RAMAKRISHNA NAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government would consider the feasibility of starting a factory for manufacture of agricultural implements?

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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Industries) :—" There are already private factories engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements. But they are unable to produce up to their maximum capacity for want of adequate raw materials, mainly iron and steel. If the position regarding the supply of raw materials improves, these factories will be able to manufacture agricultural implements in sufficient quantities to meet the demands of the Province. In the circumstances, the Government do not consider it necessary for them to start an industry for the manufacture of agricultural implements."

SRI R. RAMAKRISHNA NAYUDU :—" May I know if Government are supplying the necessary raw materials for these private factories? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The Government are supplying raw materials to the extent of the availability of iron and steel. A provincial quota is given by the Central Government of which a portion is given to the fabricators for making agricultural implements."

SRI R. RAMAKRISHNA NAYUDU :—" May I know if preference has been given to such agricultural implements factories? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No particular preference is given to any particular factory, Sir. There are some major factories to which the raw materials are given, namely, P.S.G. & Sons, Coimbatore, Cooper Engineering Works, Kirloskar Works, etc. These are given quotas of iron and steel by the Government and over 100 other small factories get a supply of these raw materials."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the quotas received by the firms in this Presidency are from the provincial quota or from the quota of the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" They get it from the provincial quota, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if the Government is satisfied that the agricultural implements are necessary and that the agricultural operations are hindered for want of agricultural implements, why should not a bigger quota be given?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The Government are perfectly aware that the supply of implements is not adequate but beggars cannot be choosers. The Government of India have allotted only 31 thousand tons for the year for this Province. We have got only 15 thousand tons of this quota this year and more than half of it has been set apart for agricultural purposes and given to the fabricators."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is not the inability of the Government to place raw materials at the disposal of the factories that is the cause of a kind of discouragement to these factories who manufacture these implements? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is not the inability of this Government, Sir. It is a question of the raw materials not being available. We have been able to distribute as much as is set apart for this Province by the Government of India."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have these firms asked for permission to import iron and steel from abroad and will this Government assist them in getting the import licences? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" They have asked for it and the other party with regard to the providing of these is the Government of India."

Rules regarding the admission of students into Engineering Colleges.

* 206 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the rules governing admission of students into Engineering Colleges have been altered and if so, what the altered rules are;

(b) whether admission is regulated by communal ratio and if so, what the proportion of seats allotted to each community is;

(c) whether the seats have been allotted districtwar based on population, and if so, what the number of seats allotted to each district is;

(d) whether the production of nativity certificate is still insisted upon;

(e) whether any change has been made in the rules relating to the nativity certificate and if so, in what respects and what the revised form of nativity certificate is;

(f) what the number of seats available in each Engineering College is and how they are distributed;

(g) whether all or any of the students from the Ceded Districts reading in other Engineering Colleges have been transferred to Guindy College; and

(h) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement giving number of students (districtwar) admitted into each of the Engineering Colleges?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Education) :—" (a), (b), (d) & (e) Copies[a] of G.Os. No. 1364, Education, dated 27th June 1947, No. 1466,

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 307–313 infra.